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TAGS: ETRN, BEXP, GB

SUBJ: GABONESE PURCHASE OF LOCKHEED L-100 AIRCRAFT

DEPARTMENT PASS EXIMBANK

REF: STATE 251406 (12/28/73)

1. EMBASSY TRANSMITTING BY FEBRUARY 26 POUCH GOG COVERING  
LETTER AND EXIM COMMITMENT LETTER DATED JANUARY 2, 1974  
RE LOCKHEED L-100-30 SIGNED BY GOG MINECONFIN MOUKAMBI.

2. GOG AND EMBASSY ASSUME THAT CLAUSE TEN OF EXIM LETTER  
QUOTE BORROWER SHALL CERTIFY THAT AIRCRAFT IS NOT TO BE USED  
FOR OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE MILITARY PURPOSES UNQUOTE MEETS  
REQUIREMENTS OF CERTIFICATION OF NON-MILITARY USE AND THAT  
GOG BY SIGNING LETTER HAS MET REQUIREMENTS STATED IN REFTEL  
PARA TWO.

3. IN COVERING LETTER TO EXIM MOUKAMBI POINTS OUT REASON  
FOR DELAY IN REPLY IS THAT EXIM LETTER (WHICH MINISTRY  
RECEIVED FEBRUARY 5) HAD TO BE TRANSLATED LOCALLY BEFORE  
GOG TOOK ACTION. HE REQUESTS, TO EXPEDITE FUTURE EFFORTS,  
CORRESPONDENCE TO GOG BE IN FRENCH. IN FACT, GOG HAS  
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PRACTICALLY NO TRANSLATION CAPABILITY AND EMBASSY DID

TRANSLATION.

4. WE FULLY AGREE WITH MOUKAMBI. PERHAPS GREATEST IMPEDIMENT TO AMERICAN BUSINESS EXPANSION IN GABON IS LACK OF FRENCH LANGUAGE ABILITY BY AMERICANS. EMBASSY IS ALWAYS READY TO HELP BUT IT WOULD BE QUICKER IF STANDARD LETTERS AND CONTRACTS COULD BE SENT TO FRANCOPHONE GOVERNMENTS IN FRENCH.

5. AS EXIM LETTER TOOK OVER ONE MONTH TO ARRIVE AT GOG MINECONFIN, EMBASSY SUGGESTS TO EXPEDITE SUCH MATTERS CORRESPONDENCE BE SENT VIA USG DIPLOMATIC POUCH.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INFORM JOHN BEAVERS, LOCKHEED COMPANY, MARIETTA, GEORGIA, TEL (404)-424-2342, THAT EXIM LETTER SIGNED AND THAT CASALTA OF MINECONFIN HOLDS ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO AIRCRAFT PURCHASE.

7. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.  
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